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Letter dated 6 July 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose the text of a statement dated 2 July 1993 of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey regarding the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 42 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement dated 2 July 1993 of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Turkey on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The latest reports from Bosnia and Herzegovina indicate that the military attacks and the practice of "ethnic cleansing" against the Muslims in that country have reached extremely alarming proportions.

It is clear that the attacks are aimed at forcing the Bosnian Muslims to accept the so-called new peace plan designed to divide Bosnia and Herzegovina into three parts on an ethnic basis.

A member State of the United Nations and of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe is being obliterated from history through the massacres taking place before our very eyes.

Those who are turning a blind eye to the genocide and those encouraging the aggressor will carry the moral burden before history and humanity.

For years to come, the Balkans, Europe and the whole world will have to bear the bitter results of the mistakes and crimes committed.

Never in history has peace prevailed where injustice, "ethnic cleansing" and racism were rewarded.

Turkey is strongly opposed to the disintegration of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which would bring along the demise of international legitimacy and the basic principles of humanity.

If Bosnia and Herzegovina disintegrates, Europe will not be the same Europe, nor will the United Nations remain the same United Nations, for they shall no longer maintain any credibility.